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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON -- AF/W

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1. BRANDON OF UNION OIL PRESENTED EXPLOITATION PLAN TO MINISTER ATCHADA NOV 30. DAHOMEAN TECHNICIANS NOW CONSIDERING UNION'S PROPOSAL. ATCHADE PROMISED GIVE BRANDON THEIR APPRECIATION OF PROPOSAL DECEMBER 3. IN FIRST MEETING, ATCHADE WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING PLEASED THAT UNION HAD DECIDED SUBMIT CONCRETE PROPOSAL, BUT UNHAPPY WITH FACT PLAN PROVIDED FOR 18-MONTH PERIOD BEFORE PRODUCTION WOULD COMMENCE. UNION'S CHIEF ENGINEER, NORMAN CLARK, WHO PRESENTED TECHNICAL PROPOSAL, CLAIMS THIS SHORTEST FEASIBLE TIMETABLE.

2. BRANDON SAID UNION WILL CONTINUE BASE NEGOTIATING POSITION ON ORIGINAL CONVENTION. HE SAID, IF DAHOMEANS PERSIST IN THEIR INSISTENCE ON NEW PETROLEUM CODE, UNION MAY HAVE TO TAKE DECISION TO FINALLY CLOSE OUT IN DAHOMEY. HOWEVER, BRANDON IS OPTIMISTIC THAT ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT WILL BE WORKED OUT.
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